



2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program Resources from the **Indiana Young Readers Center**

Included inside!

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We're in this together! Hoosiers have been helping the world and each other for decades. There are SO MANY wonderful books written by, about, and for Hoosiers that focus on the themes for All Together Now. Add some Indiana authors to your Summer Reading Program to boost community connection. Ideas for kindness, helping others, collaborating, serving, and changing the world are just a few pages away!

The Indiana Young Readers Center has prepared these resources to help with your summer program plans. Feel free to use them in whatever way works for you. We'd love to hear if they helped you out! Email us at youngreaderscenter@library.in.gov to let us know.





Program Ideas for Ages 0-6: Let's Work Together

Let's Work Together: Socks and Soccer

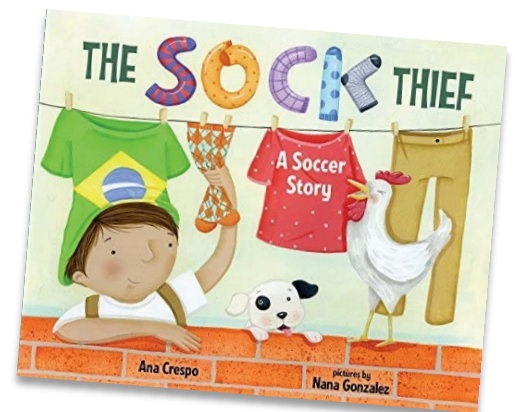
Ana Crespo is an author from Rio de Janeiro who lived in Indiana with her young family. She has fond memories of visiting the Monroe County Public Library and learning words with her daughter. She now lives in Colorado, but Indiana children can read her stories to learn about working together. Discover more in this interview with Sammy, the Interviewing Toucan who works out of the Indiana State Library:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5sc_YPkZGQ.

In her book *The Sock Thief* Felipe sneaks socks from clotheslines and window ledges all around his small town. He feels bad about taking the socks, so he leaves mangoes as payment. He fashions the socks into something he and his friends need: a soccer ball! At the end of the day he disassembles his soccer ball and returns the socks with a thank you note. Little does Felipe know, the whole community leaves the socks out on purpose so the children can play their sport.

Read *The Sock Thief* at storytime and partner it with any of these fun activities that focus on working together:

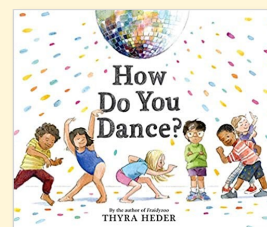
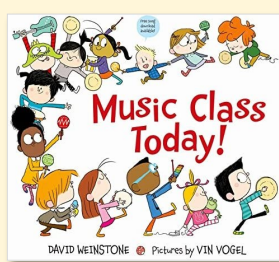
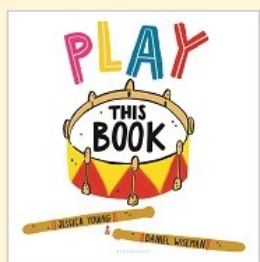
- **Sock Drive** — Many homeless shelters need socks for both kids and grownups. Work together to coordinate a sock drive at your library for new socks to donate to your local shelters.
- **Sock Crafts** — Look online for “sock crafts” and you’ll find hundreds of ideas of crafts to make, from sock puppets to sock balls, just like in the book.
- **Sock Math** — Use colorful socks or make some ‘socks’ out of felt or paper. Have your storytime kids help find the matching pairs. When you have three pairs of socks on your flannel board, how many socks do you have? This is early multiplication! Three pairs of socks times two socks per pair equals six socks! Math is a great concept to focus on with young children.



Let's Work Together: Vote for the Firefly

It's never too early to start talking about voting with young children. Explain to your youngest patrons how they can participate in the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award, a statewide program to pick the best book for ages zero to five. Sometimes making a big decision is hard, so communities use voting to work together to make the final choice.

The Firefly Ballot will be released by mid-January, 2023—plenty of time for you to incorporate voting for the Firefly into your Summer Reading plans. Not only that, but many past Firefly nominees are perfect for the *All Together Now* theme. Take a look at ***Play This Book*** by Jessica Young, ***Music Class Today!*** by David Weinstone, ***I Got the Rhythm*** by Connie Schofield-Morrison, ***We All Play*** by Julie Flett, or ***How do You Dance?*** by Thyra Heder. Visit our website for more information about the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award: <https://www.in.gov/library/icb/firefly/>.



Who Has Helping Hands? Who Has Wiggle-Waggle Toes?

Who Has Wiggle-Waggle Toes? by Vicky Shiefman is a great book for showing that we all have things in common, and it was a Firefly nominee! Finding commonalities is a good way to relate to someone new. Read the story then make a collaborative art project using colorful paints or papers and handprints. For this program you'll need:

- Tempera paints in desired colors.
- Large piece of paper.
- Cleaning method for children's hands.
- For less mess, trace hands and cut them out of paper.

Plan your project ahead of time. You could draw a tree trunk and have the children's handprints represent the leaves. You could lightly draw out a heart and have the children fill it up with their handprints. A peace sign would work too. Display your finished product proudly in your library to show community spirit.



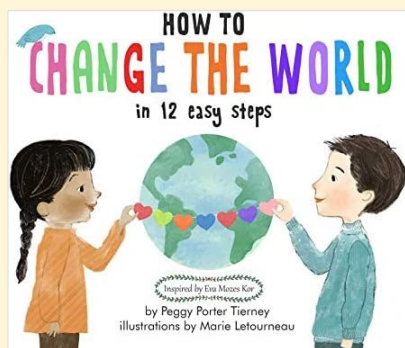
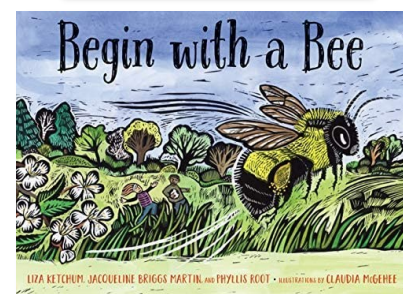
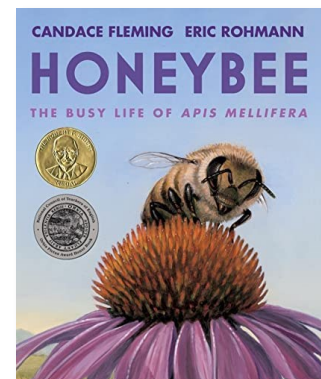
Let's Work Together . . . Like the Bees!

Bees are legendary for their collaboration, and the Indiana Young Readers Center has two great books all about BEES! *Begin with a Bee* is co-authored by Phyllis Root who grew up in Fort Wayne and still considers herself a Hoosier, and *Honeybee* is by Candace Fleming who grew up in northern Indiana, right on Lake Michigan.

Bees are great for this theme because they are the ultimate cooperators. They work together to do all kinds of tasks including nest building, food collection, and raising the baby bees (called larvae). A bee program could include everything from bee crafts and stories to learning about bees and how we can help them.

Try this movement activity and pair it with a bee craft and story for a fun program.

- Find a “bee” song you like. Laurie Berkner has a great one called “Bumblebee.”
- Set up your program room with a few chairs or tables scattered around to represent flowers. Put yellow scraps of paper on the chairs and tables. These represent pollen. Give each child a small basket for collecting their papers.
- Explain that bees work together to collect pollen from flowers, AND they communicate through a variety of ways including dancing. The children’s task is to collect the pollen (the paper scraps), but they have to move their bodies in a variety of ways to represent the bee dances.
- Children can walk to the flowers, take zig-zag steps, spin (slowly!), hop, flutter, move on their knees, or tip-toe, all while collecting pollen for the hive. See how much pollen they can collect before the song ends, but remember! This is not a race. The children need to work together, just like the bees.



Work together to Change the World

Children often feel like they are too little to make a difference. Indiana author Peggy Porter Tierney gives children a variety of specific actions they can take to change the world. From keeping their rooms tidy to spreading smiles, these ideas are simple enough for even little children to accomplish. If you are hoping to discover one great book for your summer reading program *How to Change the World in 12 Easy Steps* is a good choice. The Indiana connections don’t stop there. It was inspired by Eva Mozes Kor, who lived in Terre Haute, Indiana for decades.

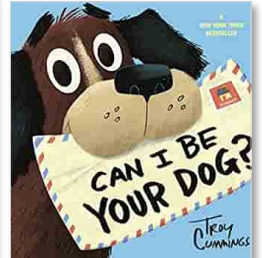
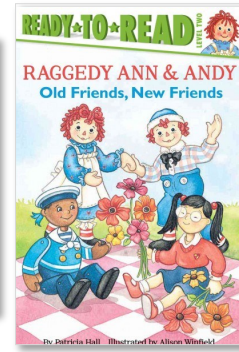
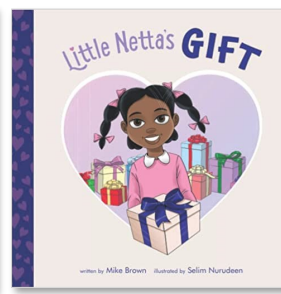
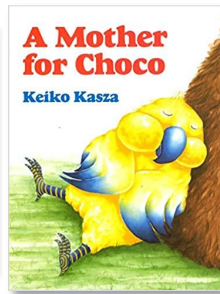
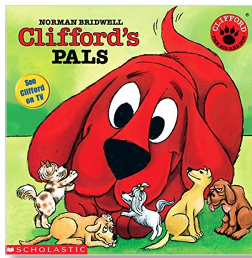
Storytimes Made Easy - Reserve a Storytime Kit Today!

The Indiana Young Readers Center is here to help. Get your reservations in TODAY for the perfect storytime kit for your summer reading program. Kits check out for 60 days — plenty of time for you to use them for multiple programs. Here are some ideas for a few of our kits, but don’t let this list limit your creativity. We have over 50 storytime kits and many of them could relate to this summer’s theme.

The *Immigration Kit* reminds us to welcome others. The *Earth Love Kit*, *Indiana Kit*, *One World/Many Stories Kit*, and *Spaces and Places (Maps) Kit* focus on ‘place’ and show us that we are indeed all together on this delicate planet connected by our communities. The *Music Kit*, *Rhythm and Rhyme Kit*, and *Movement Kit* give us ways to interact together. Finally, the *Community Helpers Kit*, *Building and Construction Kit*, and *Food Kit* focus on ways we collaborate with each other every day.



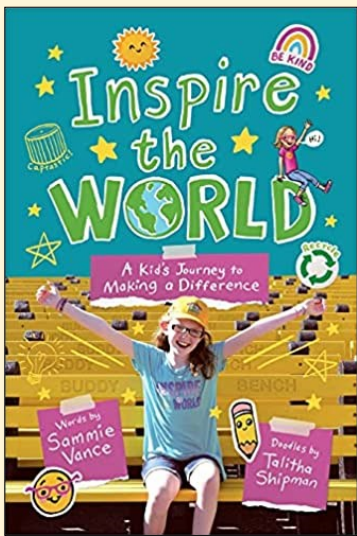
Early Literacy Books for ALL TOGETHER NOW by Indiana Authors



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<i>Built Together</i>	Mina Starsiak	Early Literacy	Picture Fiction	Join lovable Mina Starsiak Hawk from HGTV's hit show <i>Good Bones</i> as she brings her signature humor and heart to this warm and welcoming story about families of all shapes and sizes. Gather around for this celebration of diversity and acceptance as you are reminded just how wonderful it is to be part of your own unique family.
<i>Clifford's Pals</i>	Norman Bridwell	Early Literacy	Picture Fiction	Clifford and his pals just can't stay out of trouble around a construction site! Though Clifford ruins a wrecking ball and bashes in a bulldozer, he also saves his friends from wet cement and a boulder avalanche. After a full day of mischief, Clifford and his pals decide that next time they'll play somewhere safe and a lot more fun.
<i>A Mother for Choco</i>	Keiko Kasza	Early Literacy	Picture Fiction	Choco wishes he had a mother, but who could she be? He sets off to find her, but he doesn't meet anyone who looks just like him. He doesn't even think of asking Mrs. Bear if she's his mother-but then she starts to do just the things a mommy might do. And when she brings him home, he meets her other children and learns that families come in all shapes and sizes and still fit together.
<i>Little Netta's Gift</i>	Mike Brown	Early Literacy	Picture Fiction	Little Netta's birthday is two days after Christmas. At her sixth birthday party she shows tremendous compassion for others by giving her gifts to children attending her party after learning they did not receive Christmas gifts. This rhythmic read-aloud is sure to stir the souls of children, families, and friends everywhere.
<i>Old Friends, New Friends</i>	Patricia Hall	Early Literacy	Early Reader	Raggedy Ann and Andy welcome both old friends and new friends to join in the fun, in a simple Ready-to-Read tale with bright illustrations. Based on characters created by Indiana author, Johnny Gruelle.
<i>Can I Be Your Dog?</i>	Troy Cummings	Early Literacy	Picture Fiction	Arfy is a homeless mutt who lives in a box in an alley. Arfy writes to every person on Butternut Street about what a great pet he'd make. He has his own squeaky bone! He can learn to live with cats! But, no one wants him. Readers will be happily surprised to learn just who steps up to adopt Arfy.



Program Ideas for Grades K-8: Change the World



Caps and Buddy Benches: Inspiring Indiana Story

Sammie Vance is an amazing Hoosier 13-year-old who lives in Fort Wayne. When she was just eight she started a program at her school to help kids find friends to play with at recess. Using recycled plastic bottle caps, she helped create a Buddy Bench, a place for kids to sit when they need a friend. *Inspire the World: A Kid's Journey to Making a Difference* tells the story of her journey. Illustrated by Indiana Illustrator, Talitha Shipman, this book is ideal for inspiring your community to take on a similar project.

Sammie's story is a great fit for this summer because she got her whole community involved, AND every aspect of her project was located right here in Indiana!

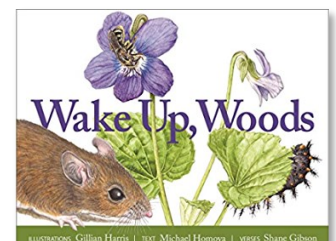
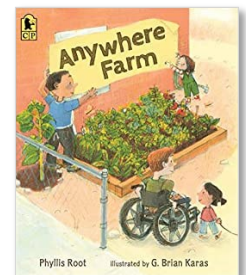
Learn more about Sammie: <https://sammiesbuddybenchproject.com/>

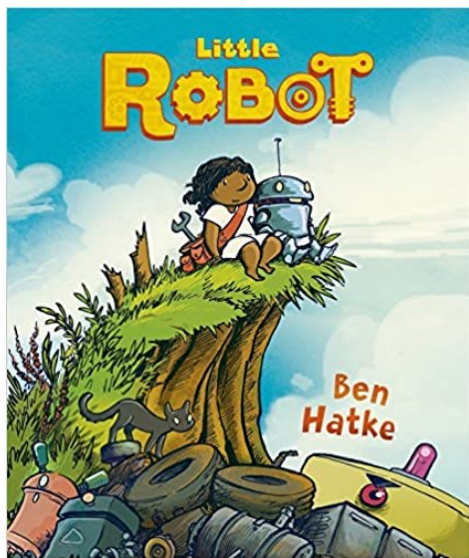
Learn more about recycling bottle caps in Indiana: <https://www.greentreeplastics.com/>

Change the World with Plants!

Shannon Anderson is an Indiana author who lives in northern Indiana. Her book *I Love Strawberries!* takes the reader step-by-step through the process of growing strawberries from seed to fruit and then some. *Anywhere Farm* by Indiana author Phyllis Root encourages us to plant fruits and vegetables anywhere possible! *Wake Up, Woods* was written, illustrated, and published by Hoosiers. Go green this summer and change the world with any of these ideas:

- **Composting**—Either teach your kids how to do it, or start up a program for compostable items generated at your library. Coffee grounds, tea bags, apple cores, banana peels, houseplant trimmings, paper scraps, and coffee filters are some compostable items you might have at your library. Compost is rich in nutrients and can help the gardens at your library or in your patrons' homes. Worm programs are fun for kids too!
(<https://www.thespruce.com/compost-bin-from-plastic-storage-container-2539493>)
- **Grow Food**—Like Jolie in *I Love Strawberries!*, your young patrons will be fascinated by the process of growing actual food this summer. Also, kids are more likely to eat veggies if they help grow them! Cherry tomatoes, carrots, strawberries, and broccoli are easy to grow in small spaces. If you don't have a garden space, can you grow plants in movable pots?
- **Native Plants**—Get kids riled up about invasive species. Once a child knows the dangers of wintercreeper, they will see it everywhere and want to eradicate it. Share the native plants in *Wake Up, Woods* and take a little walk in your neighborhood to find these good natives.





Friendly Robots for Your Tweens: *Little Robot* by Ben Hatke

The poster for this year's Summer Reading Program shows many youth working together to make a robot.

You can make really cute robots out of paper, recycled cardboard, old sponges, little boxes, and a variety of other craft supplies. This is a great craft project for tweens because it's doable while still being challenging.

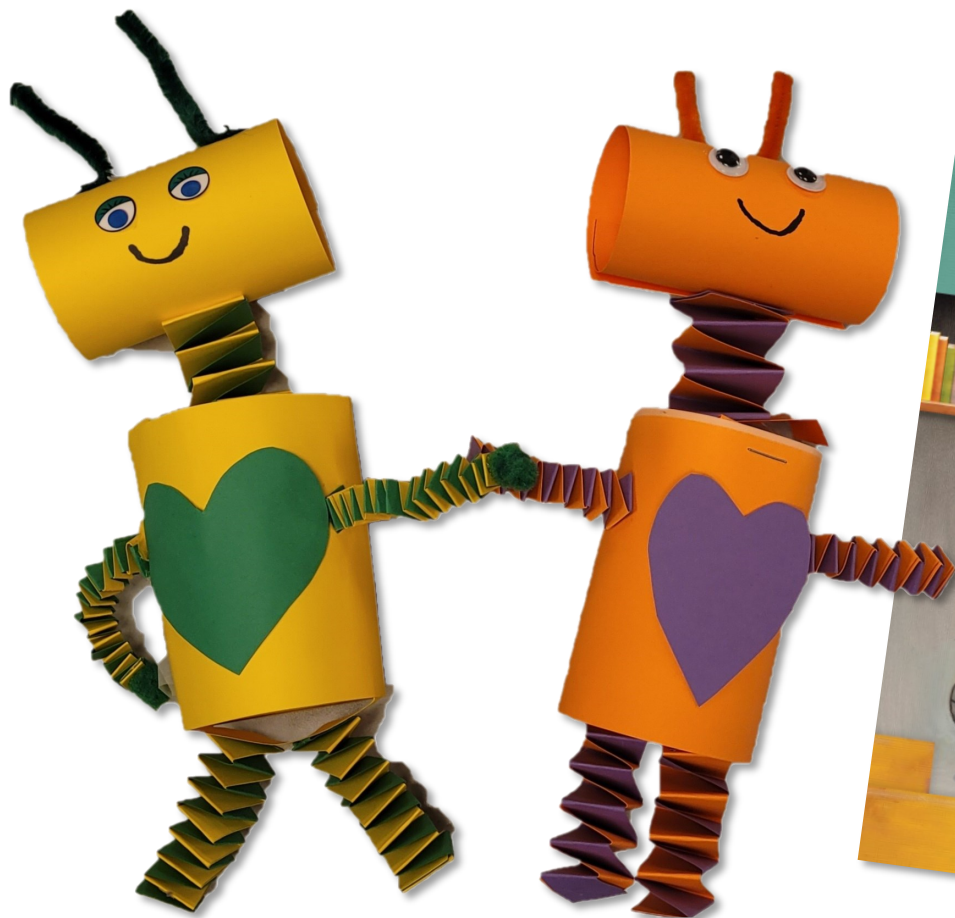
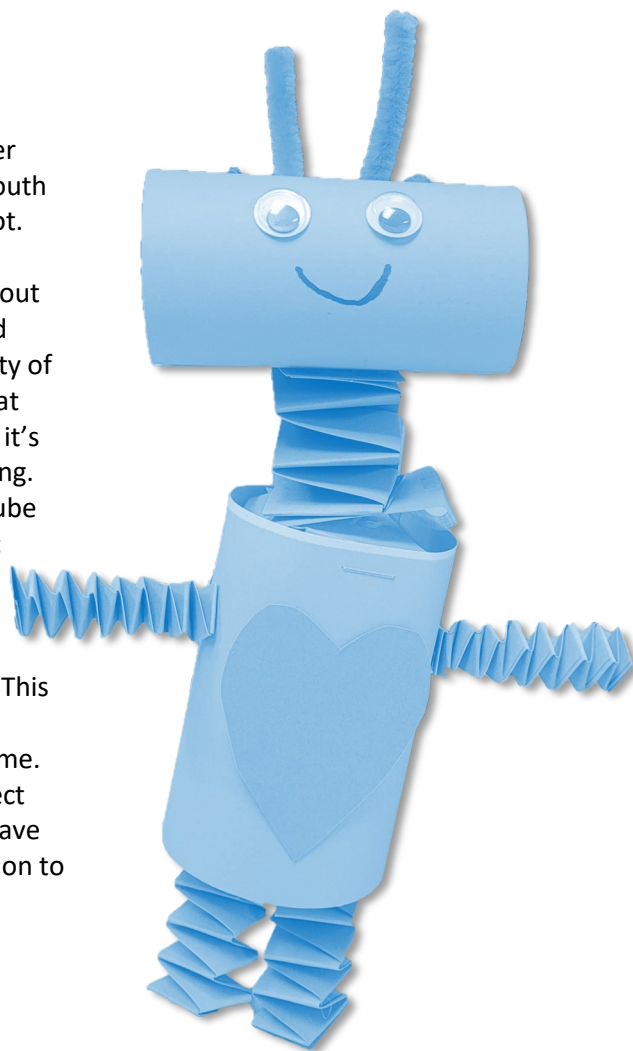
We found the craft on this YouTube

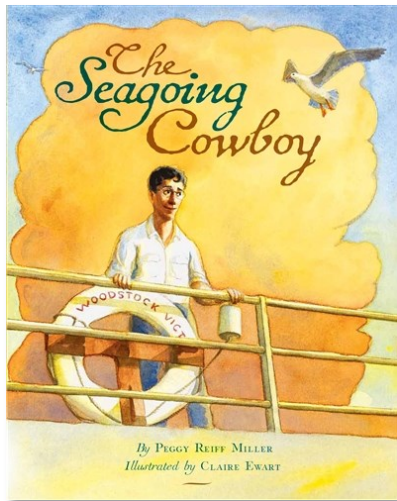
video, but there are many others that would also work for this age group:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rMw9jRhL_s

A perfect read-along is *Little Robot* by Indiana author, Ben Hatke.

Hatke was born and raised in Lafayette, Indiana and now lives in Virginia. This graphic novel is light on words but heavy on heart. A little girl finds an adorable robot in the woods and accidentally activates him for the first time. She has finally found a friend! But other SCARY robots are coming to collect their missing colleague. What can she do (armed only with a wrench) to save the day? A story of friendship and teamwork, *Little Robot* is a great addition to your summer reading program.





Change the World with Overseas Cattle

Peggy Reiff Miller lived in Indiana for almost twenty years. While she lived here she wrote the book, *The Seagoing Cowboy*, a true story touching on the origins of the Heifer International organization. Heifer International combats hunger by gifting livestock to communities in need. Not only that, Dan West, the founder, lived in Indiana during his formative years. Share the book with your patrons and explore the online activities that Heifer International provides for educators.

For even more charitable impact, partner with an area business to sponsor your summer reading program. Instead of asking for support that you'll use *before* summer, leverage the reading that your participants do during summer into a more meaningful donation *after* the program is completed. Here's an example of how this could work:

Leveraging Reading into Support from a Local Business: A local business in your community wants to support your summer reading program, but they want good data behind their donation. You convince them to make a donation to your program *after* the program is complete. They pledge to give *10 cents per book* read over the summer by your patrons ages 6-13. Pretend your summer reading program has 200 participants and each child reads 20 books (picture books count!). That comes out to a four hundred dollar donation and some great press for your business partner. After explaining the summer reading theme to the business, they agree that half of the donation should go to the library for next year's summer reading program and the other half of the donation should go to a charity voted on by your summer reading participants. There are lots of good causes that your children would be interested in supporting, from local food pantries, to shelters, to Buddy Benches, to international facing organizations. Get your whole community involved in changing the world this summer, but be sure to get buy-in from your board and other stake-holders.

Community Reading Chain

Track your reading this summer with a reading chain. When you make your summer progress visual, the community feels more involved and connected. Get creative on where you'll hang your chains. Do you have a long wall you can attach your chain to? Can you hang chains in a vestibule from one floor to another? How about along a window or around the perimeter of a room?

Use the next page as a template for your chain. Each link is 1.5 inches wide and 8.5 inches long. Five links together equal about 10 inches. In the example above, if your community read 4,000 books, your chain would be over 600 feet long! Make a community goal before your reading program. Can you read 1,000 feet of books? You can if you do it all together!



Programs Made Easy - Reserve a Book Club Kit Today!

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Wonder by R. J. Palacio—Students choose kindness to help a new student with a facial deformity.
El Deafo by Cece Bell—Cece has a hearing aid strapped to her chest. Will she make new friends?
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein—Children solve a mystery together.
Holes by Louis Sachar—Why are the campers at Camp Green Lake digging so many holes?
Lions and Liars by Kate Beasley—Campers must work together to survive the bullies.



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Directions: Fill out a slip for each book
you've read. Bring your sheet to the library
once it's full to add to our community
reading chain!

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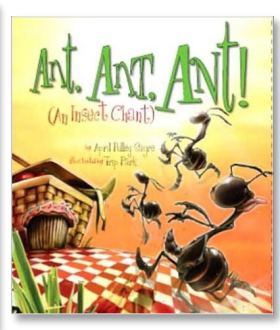
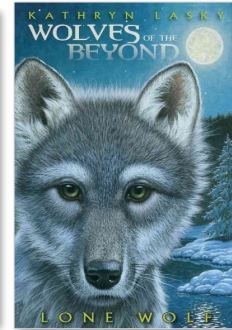
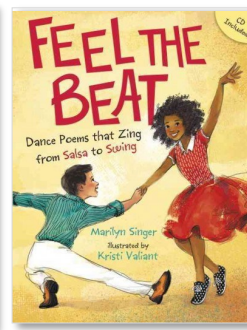
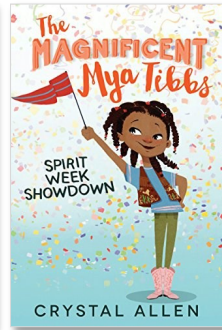
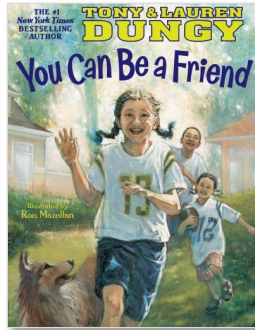
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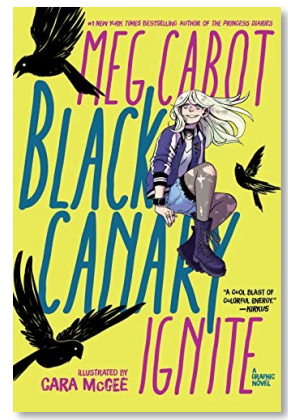
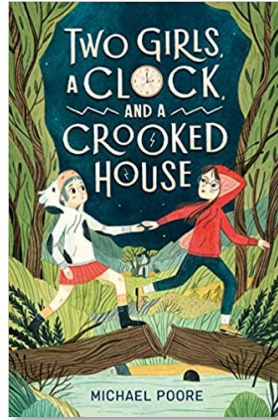
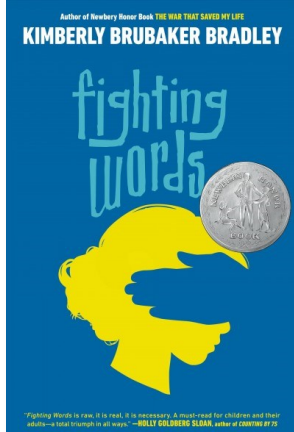
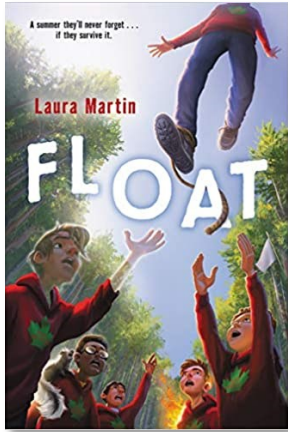
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Elementary Books for ALL TOGETHER NOW by Indiana Authors



Title	Author	Age Range	Genre	Notes
<i>Bella & Bean</i>	Rebecca Kai Dotlich	Elementary	Picture Fiction	Bella wants to write poems. Bean wants to go for a walk. Bella wants to write poems. Bean wants Bella to look at her cute toes. Could these two friends be more different? But as Bean's attempt to coax Bella away from her notepad become ever more over the top, Bella finds her poetry taking unexpected twists.
<i>You Can Be a Friend</i>	Tony and Lauren Dungy	Elementary	Picture Fiction	Jade has been planning to have her birthday party at a water park, but her new friend is in a wheelchair. Now Jade has a decision to make: is it more important to keep her party where she planned, or to make sure all her friends have fun? Tony and Lauren Dungy present this beautiful story, which will help any parent explain that having limitations can never limit the boundaries of friendship.
<i>The Magnificent Mya Tibbs: Spirit Week Showdown</i>	Crystal Allen	Elementary	Chapter Book Fiction	Nine-year-old cowgirl Mya Tibbs is boot-scootin' excited for the best week of the whole school year—SPIRIT WEEK! She and her megapopular best friend Naomi Jackson even made a pinky promise to be Spirit Week partners so they can win the big prize: special VIP tickets to the Fall Festival. But when the partner-picking goes horribly wrong, Mya gets paired with the biggest bully in school. And she can't get out of it. Good gravy!
<i>Feel the Beat: Dance Poems that Zing from Salsa to Swing</i>	Marilyn Singer	Elementary	Poetry	Marilyn Singer has crafted a vibrant collection of poems celebrating all forms of social dance from samba and salsa to tango and hip-hop. The rhythm of each poem mimics the beat of the dances' steps. Together with Indiana illustrator, Kristi Valiant's dynamic illustrations, the poems create a window to all the ways dance enters our lives and exists throughout many cultures. This ingenious collection will inspire readers to get up and move!
<i>Wolves of the Beyond: Lone Wolf</i>	Kathryn Lasky	Elementary	Chapter Book Fiction	A wolf mother has given birth, but the warm bundle snuffling next to her brings only anguish. The pup, otherwise healthy, has a twisted leg, and the mother knows what the harsh code of the pack demands. Her pup will be taken from her and abandoned on a desolate hill. The pack cannot have weakness - the wolf mother knows that her pup is condemned to die. But alone in the wilderness, the pup, Faolan, does not perish. This his story - a story of survival, of courage, and of love triumphant.
<i>Ant, Ant, Ant! (An Insect Chant)</i>	April Pulley Sayre	Elementary	Picture Poetry	Insects take center stage in this rousing picture book. Whether you love bugs or hate'em you won't be able to resist chanting this rowdy text. Bold and clever illustrations turn creepy-crawlies into hilarious, endearing creatures that will make even the most hardened non-bug-lover laugh and loud. And budding entomologists will love the end matter, chock-full of factual information about insects. Bugs work together, sometimes better than humans do!

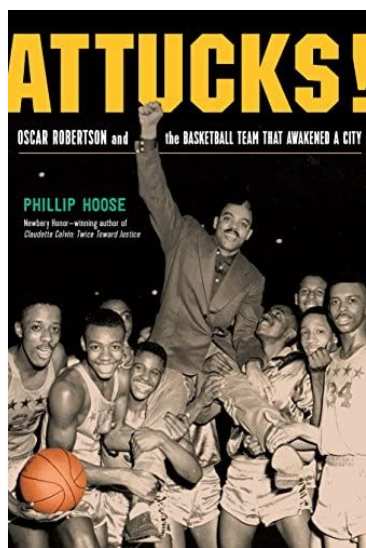
Middle Grade Books for ALL TOGETHER NOW by Indiana Authors



Title	Author	Age Range	Genre	Notes
<i>Float</i>	Laura Martin	Middle Grade	Fiction	Emerson can float...he just can't do it very well. His uncontrollable floating is his RISK factor, which means that he deals with Reoccurring Incidents of the Strange Kind. The last place Emerson wants to be is at a government-mandated summer camp for RISK kids like him, so he's shocked when he actually starts having fun at camp—and he even makes some new friends.
<i>Fighting Words</i>	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	Middle Grade	Fiction	Ten-year-old Della has always had her older sister, Suki: When their mom went to prison, Della had Suki. When their mom's boyfriend took them in, Della had Suki. When that same boyfriend did something so awful they had to run fast, Della had Suki. Suki is Della's own wolf--her protector. But who has been protecting Suki? Della might get told off for swearing at school, but she has always known how to keep quiet where it counts. Then Suki tries to kill herself, and Della's world turns so far upside down, it feels like it's shaking her by the ankles. Maybe she's been quiet about the wrong things. Maybe it's time to be loud.
<i>Two Girls, A Clock, and a Crooked House</i>	Michael Poore	Middle Grade	Fiction	This is a story of things that are not possible. It's not possible for Amy to see spirits. (She does.) It's not possible that Amy and Moo can communicate using only their minds. (They do.) It's not possible to time-travel. (Yet.) And it's definitely not possible that witches exist. (Seriously?) None of these things are possible. (Until now . . .)
<i>Unfadeable</i>	Maurice Broaddus	Middle Grade	Fiction	Bella "Unfadeable" Fades is determined to stay out of trouble. A wiser-than-her-years graffiti artist known for tagging walls and bridges in her Indianapolis neighborhood, the Land, Bella plans to spend her summer break laying low and steering clear of anyone who might tip off to social services that she's living on her own. But keeping a low profile is all but impossible when Bella discovers people in high places are trying to defund the Land. She has to find a way to fight back.
<i>Black Canary</i>	Meg Cabot	Middle Grade	Graphic Novel	Thirteen-year-old Dinah Lance knows exactly what she wants, who she is, and where she's going. First, she'll win the battle of the bands with her two best friends, then she'll join the Gotham City Junior Police Academy so she can solve crimes just like her dad. When a mysterious figure keeps getting in the way of Dinah's goals, she'll learn more about herself, her mother's secret past, and navigating the various power chords of life.



Program Ideas for Grades 9-12: Build Community



Basketball! Building Indiana Communities for Decades

The theme *All Together Now* is made for sports! A sports team must work together and communicate in order to reach their goals. Partner with your local parks department or high school to host a book discussion for teens with the award-winning Indiana title: **ATTUCKS!:** *Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team that Awakened a City.*

In 1955 and 1956 (back to back!) the Crispus Attucks High School located on the near west-side of downtown Indianapolis won the state basketball championship amid strong racial prejudice. Lead by legendary player Oscar Robertson, the team made history as the first all-black team in the nation to win a state high school basketball title.

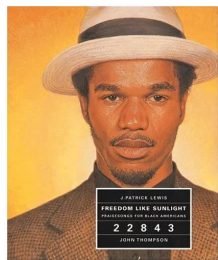
Instead of a traditional book discussion, find a partner and have your discussion in a local gym. If you're lucky, you might even have a historic gymnasium nearby. Have some basketballs ready and invite an area basketball coach or local historian to read

the book along with your group, and have them to participate in your discussion. If your group isn't up for reading the whole book, you could just read a few chapters and supplement the program with video content readily available on YouTube.

Wrap up your program by shooting a few baskets. There are many fun and easy basketball activities that don't require too much skill. Remember HORSE? Google "basketball lesson ideas for physical education" for lots of easy options.

Don't forget! If the program is in a gymnasium footwear matters. Make sure your teens wear appropriate shoes if they are going to be on the court.





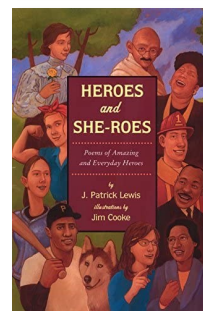
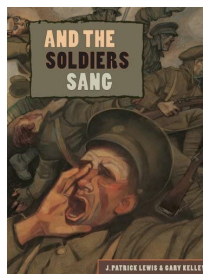
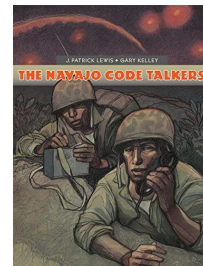
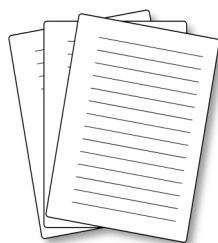
Focus on Indiana Poet: J. Patrick Lewis

J. Patrick Lewis is an Indiana poet who grew up in Gary. He has written dozens of poetry books for kids and teens, many of which describe dynamic events in history that would never have happened without intense collaboration.

Have a poetry program for your teens. Start by exploring several of Lewis's books that focus on history, Civil Rights, and change-making individuals including these titles: *And the Soldiers Sang*, *Freedom Like Sunlight: Praisesongs for Black Americans*, *Heroes and She-Roes*, *The Navajo Code Talkers*, *Voices from the March on Washington*, and *When Thunder Comes: Poems for Civil Rights Leaders*.

From there, pick a theme, either from one of Lewis's books or any theme your teens want to explore. Write several collaborative poems together. Rules can be either flexible or rigid. Contrary to what you might think, poetry thrives under limits. Here is one way to run this program, but you can make lots of tweaks to make it yours:

- Have your teens sit around a table. Give each participant a sheet of lined paper. Decide on a theme for your poems and have the teens secretly come up with a title for their poem and write it at the top of the page. Pass the page to the person sitting on their left. Now, everyone adds one line of text to the poem. From there, the teens fold the poem so the only line the next person can see is the line they just wrote. Pass and fold again repeatedly until they've completed poems of 24 lines. Share the poems aloud. They might be poignant or funny.
- Try the activity again, but this time set a limit to the number of words each person contributes. The poems will be very different when you only allow two or three words per line.
- If you want to do more collaborative writing this summer, try this activity again, only this time have your students write a story. When you can only see the line just ahead, the results are oftentimes hilarious.



Food Brings People Together and Builds Community

Sandra Mitchell lives in Indianapolis and is a dynamite Indiana author. Two of her books are perfect for exploring this summer: *They Did What? 50 Unbelievable Women and their Fascinating (and True) Stories* and its counterpart all about kids are packed full of stories about women and kids who took steps to change the world. You will get all kinds of inspiration for activities to do with your teens including this one:

Read the short three-page essay about Julia Child. This famous chef did a lot more than just drop a turkey on tv! Celebrate your own community by trying one of Julia Child's famous recipes with your teens. Cooking in the library can be a fun way to get to know your teens better. Moreover, when making a dish like soup or salad, there is always lots of chopping to do, and therefore a lot of tasks that you can share out amongst the group. If a couple of teens are free, they can read the mini-essays in these books to the rest of you while others prep the ingredients. Pro Tip: Have two teens staff a washing station and wash-up as you go.

If you really want some good collaboration, invite the library board to dinner when you're done cooking!



Build Community: Write a grant!

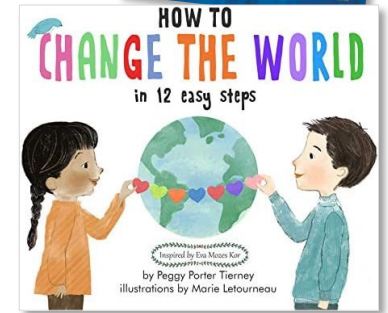
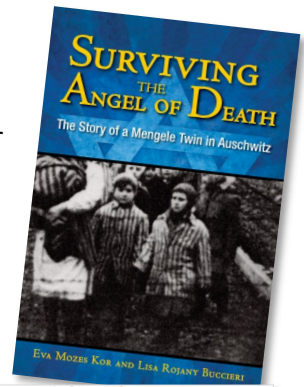
Teens are inspired by real-life stories. Eva Mozes Kor survived Auschwitz and grew up to be one of the most influential Holocaust educators and activists in the world. She lived in Terre Haute, Indiana for over three decades and continually shared four life lessons in hopes that her experience would help others:

- Never give up on yourself or your dreams.
- Treat everyone with respect and fairness.
- Forgive your worst enemies.
- Decide each day what you can do to make the world better.

Share Eva's stories with your teens, either through her biography, *Surviving the Angel of Death* or through the picture book inspired by her: *How to Change the World in 12 Easy Steps*. Use Eva's story as inspiration to motivate your teens to identify something they want to change in their community or even in the library. From there, help them research grants available in your county.

Believe it or not, many Indiana counties have grant programs solely for teens. The teens do the research, write the grant, and the library would just administer the funds. Check with your Community Foundation to identify grants that might be attainable for your teens. Perhaps your library needs more books in Spanish? Maybe your teens want to start a composting program. Do your program supplies need a facelift? Those are all ideas that teens could potentially help you address through a grant. CSLP has more ideas in the Youth Advocacy Group section of this summer's manual.

Writing a grant with your teens might seem challenging, but teens want to be involved in their communities and truly want to learn ways to change the world. If you can't find a grant that seems appropriate for your teens to work on, visit your local Community Foundation and let them know you'd be interested in a program like this in the future. That's one way to change the world!



Build Community with a Cardboard Kingdom

The graphic novel, *The Cardboard Kingdom* co-authored by Indiana author Jay Fuller-Ng is a celebration of neighborhood collaboration through the joys of cos-play and cardboard. Even though teens are more mature than they used to be, they still love opportunities to exercise creativity and imagination.

Collect a ton of cardboard boxes. Provide your teens with duct tape, lots of tempera paint, and cutting tools. Start the program out by deciding on a goal. Costumes of favorite comic book heroes? A castle for kids to play in? A model of your community? Sets for a play? From there, let them run wild. There are lots of ideas for cardboard programming online. Open-ended programs are easy for you and fun for them.



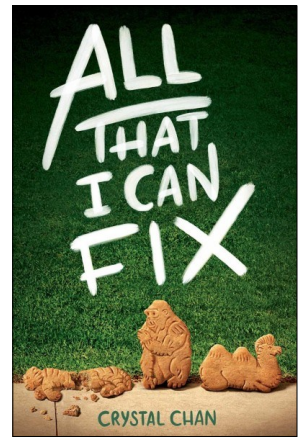
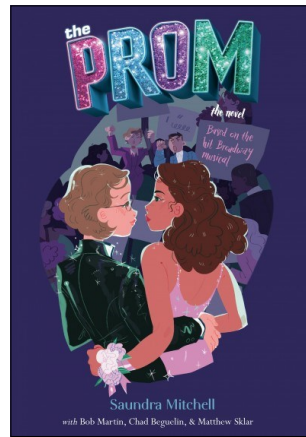
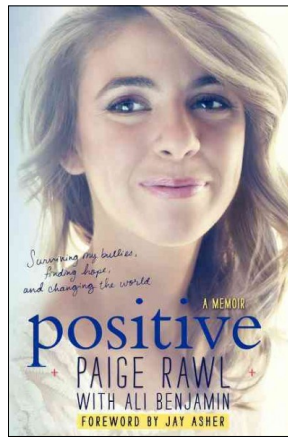
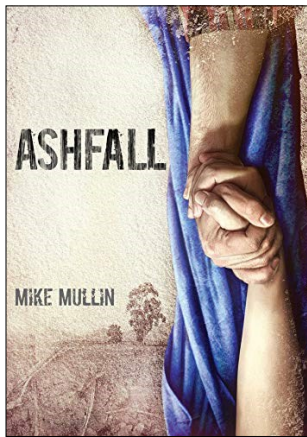
Programs Made Easy - Reserve a Book Club Kit Today!

The Indiana Young Readers Center is here to help. Get your reservations in TODAY for the perfect book club kit for your summer reading program. Kits check out for 90 days— plenty of time for you to use them all summer. Don't let this list limit your creativity. We have over 200 book kits and many of them could relate to this summer's theme.

Divergent by Veronica Roth — In a dystopian world, five factions must learn to work together.
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins — Katniss must make alliances to survive.
Heretics Anonymous by Katie Henry — Five Catholic students form a group to be themselves.
March by John Lewis — The story of John Lewis' early years working in the civil rights movement.
Watch Us Rise by Renee Watson — Teens start a women's rights club at their school.



Teen Books for ALL TOGETHER NOW by Indiana Authors



Title	Author	Age Range	Genre	Notes
<i>Ashfall</i>	Mike Mullin	YA	Fiction	When the Yellowstone supervolcano erupts, plunging his hometown into a nightmare of darkness, ash, and violence, Alex begins a harrowing trek to search for his family and finds help in Darla, a travel partner he meets along the way. Together they must find the strength and skills to survive.
<i>Light It Up</i>	Kekla Magoon	YA	Fiction	A girl walks home from school. She's tall for her age. She's wearing her winter coat. Her headphones are in. She's hurrying. She never makes it home. In the aftermath, while law enforcement tries to justify the response, one fact remains: a police officer has shot and killed an unarmed thirteen-year-old girl. The community is thrown into upheaval, leading to unrest, a growing movement to protest the senseless taking of black lives, and the arrival of white supremacist counter demonstrators.
<i>Positive</i>	Paige Rawl	YA	Memoir	Paige Rawl has been HIV positive since birth, but growing up, she never felt like her illness defined her. On an unremarkable day in middle school, she disclosed to a friend her HIV-positive status—and within hours the bullying began. That could have been the end of her story. Instead, it was only the beginning. Paige's memoir calls for readers to choose action over complacency, compassion over cruelty—and above all, to be Positive.
<i>The Prom</i>	Saundra Mitchell	YA	Fiction	Emma and Alyssa share the same goal: debut as a couple at their senior prom. Only a few things stand in their way. For one, Alyssa hasn't come out yet. With a mother on the PTA who will stop at nothing to prevent same-sex couples from attending prom, it's not a conversation she's eager to have. Before long, Mrs. Greene has the entire town backing her up, and it's starting to look as though Emma and Alyssa won't get their happily-ever-after. Then, out of the blue, two Broadway stars arrive on the scene to fight on the girls' behalf (and get a little publicity along the way).
<i>All That I Can Fix</i>	Crystal Chan	YA	Fiction	In Makersville, IN, the local eccentric decides to open up all the cages of his exotic zoo—lions, cheetahs, tigers—then shoot himself dead. Go figure. Overnight, news crews, gun control supporters, and gun rights advocates descend. Ronney is left tending to his sister's fears while stopping his best friend from going on a suburban safari. Can he figure out a way to hold it together as all his worlds fall apart?